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The Wilson Ornithological Chapter

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

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1893.

President's Report.

Pursuant to a requirement of the Constitution contained in Art. IV, Sec. II, Clause 2, I make my last annual report as President.

On Jan. 26, Vol. I, of the *Journal* was issued. It contained the new Constitution adopted late in 1892, Reports of Treasurer, Judge of Election, President, President's Address, Scheme of Work under Frank L. Burns as a special Chairman of the Ological Committee; a note from the new Secretary,

and the general work on the Warblers under the direction of the President. A list of members was appended.

During March accusations preferred against two of our active members were circulated, and votes called for, which resulted in their dismissal.

June 12, Vol. II, of the Journal was issued, in which two corrections to the Constitution appeared, together with a notice of the report on the Owls, and other matter of general interest.

In this connection allow me to add that the preparation of the report on the Owls was being especially pushed during April and the early part of May.

During July, August and September efforts were being made looking toward an official organ, which finally resulted in a vote of the Executive Council accepting an offer made by Mr. Wm. B. Caulk for space in his proposed publication, "The Bird."

During October nominations were canvassed, a Judge of Elections appointed, and elections gotten under way.

On Nov. 7, a special bulletin relating to the elections, also containing other notes, was issued; and on Dec. 30, another making an announcement of the results of election, with a few notes of general interest.

Naturally, a number of things were done to which no definite dates could be assigned.

Before the end of the previous year it became only too apparent that we were unable to carry the *Quarterly*; hence the new year saw a change in our methods of publication, looking toward greater economy. With the issue of the two *Journals* our actual need of any such publication for the rest of the year ceased. Therefore, no further *Journals* appeared.

It was not made generally known that the last issue of the *Quarterly* plunged us into debt, because it was never known exactly what our liabilities were. This debt at first amounted to \$25.00, but sales of copies of the papers, and the income from arrearages very materially reduced it until at the time of the 1893 election of officers for the present year, it was but a little over \$10.00. I am happy to announce that at this writing, there is a balance left in the treasury after cancelling this debt.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce the fact that never before has there been shown such a keen interest in the work from all of our members. We have lost some members, but they were not of the sort that we need. Like the close of this year each year has seen a sifting and culling out of those

who were not with us to work. We want only working members.

The work on the Crow begun more than a year ago, by Mr. Frank L. Burns, has been steadily going on under his efficient management, and will appear in a report which promises to possess no small amount of value.

I would take pleasure in briefly reviewing the progress of the chapter during its five years of existence, but space forbids.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you our President, Mr. Willard N. Clute, who is not only thoroughly conversant with all matters pertaining to his high position, who has always been one of our most active and progressive members, but a man in every way qualified to direct the work of the organization, and make for it a name second to none in America.

Cordially yours,

LYNDS JONES.